



# HAWK HEADLINER

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## THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE: OUR STUDENTS SPRING AHEAD

It's accountability time again. Through the use of a variety of measures, we as a public school are held accountable for demonstrating that students are making progress on the skills they need to learn at each grade. The State Department of Education and Morongo Unified School District have adopted standards of what each child should know in each grade level. The tests your students will be taking soon will be aligned with these standards.



have been working hard in areas such as written language, that will be included for the first time this year. If we continue to improve each year, it allows your child to

move more quickly and be better prepared for their education in later years. You can help by:

- ⇒ Promoting a positive attitude
- ⇒ Having a quiet evening prior to the test
- ⇒ Having your child go to bed early the nights before a test.
- ⇒ Providing a nutritious breakfast on the days of the tests.
- ⇒ Expressing confidence in your child.

This will be the fifth year that we will be taking the SAT-9 and STAR tests. It is part of the State of California's STAR testing program. The results of this test will be used to compare our students with others across the state to determine how well we are doing in helping children master the standards which are expected.

This is again an important year for us to show improvement. We

We will be participating in this testing at the end of April and the first week in May. I am again asking for your help to let our students shine. Working together, I know we will all be proud of our accomplishments.

Dates of Interest

- 4/4 Class Photo Day
- 4/4 Site Based Man. @ 3-45
- 4/5 End of Third Quarter
- 4/8-4/12 Sixth Grade Science Camp
- 4/15 Staff Development Day (No School for Students)
- 4/16 FHEA @ 7 pm
- 4/24 SAT-9 Testing Begins
- 4/30 Quarterly Awards Assemblies (see calendar for times)





## Library News...

We have been very busy listening to the California Young Reader Medal nominees. They are:

**Booway for Wodney Wat** by Helen Lester

**Wolf** by Becky Bloom

**Mr. Tanen's Ties** by Maryann Cocca-Leffler

**Borace and Morris but Mostly Dolores** by James Howe

**Cook-A-Doodle-Do!** by Janet Stevens Crummel

We will be voting March 11 through March 22. It will be a tough choice. Ask your child what his or her favorite story is.

Our winners for the Paddington drawing for the month of January are:

**Bo Bowen** (Mrs. Winchell's 2nd grade class)

**Cody Russell** (Mrs. Dempsey's 4th grade class)

**Zeke Aguilar** (Mr. Bogner's 6th grade class)

**Jessica Floyd** (Mr. Reed's 6th grade class)

Our winners for the Paddington drawing for the month of February are:

**Louie Moore** (Mr. Chambliss's 1st grade class)

**Brittany Jund** (Mrs. Bernardini's 2nd grade class)

**Ashley Aarup** (Mrs. Hodges's 3rd grade class)

**Allaha Colapio** (Mrs. Friedman's 4th grade class)

**Ryan Fieschman** (Mrs. Lader's 5th grade class)

**Ashley Murray** (Mr. Reed's 6th grade class)

Until next month,

Enjoy your books!

Paddington and Mrs. K.

## Tobacco Free Schools-

The MUSD Board of Education voted at the March 5, 2002 meeting to adopt policy eliminating smoking on all school district property, effective April 1, 2002. The Board recognizes the health hazards associated with tobacco products and desires to provide a healthy environment for students and adults. All adults are encouraged to serve as models for good health practices and not smoke on school property.



Even a woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head.

100 MILE

**SAT - 9 testing**

**April 24**

**through**

**May 9**

Our students and even some of our staff members are keeping their running shoes warmed up. Take a look at our "Wall of Fame" in the cafeteria for just how far they're walking and running. So, keep those track shoes moving and get your 100-mile club book stamped at your running recesses.





# FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATION

Friendly Hills Elementary Association each year elects new members to serve as officers of this important organization. Officers include, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. F.H.E.A. would welcome individuals who are interested in serving in one of the above positions. If you have an interest in serving in one of these positions or just getting involved, please come to the next meeting on April 16th. Here are just a few of the exciting accomplishments so far this year.

- Providing funds for every class to take field trips or purchase extra supplies
- Raising funds to help send all our 6th grade students to science camp.
- Raising \$1000 for new kindergarten playground equipment. Please show your support in helping us raise another \$4000 through all our future fundraisers.

• "Friendly Hills Swap Meet" on May 11th

Speaking of that last event, if you have not already done so, make sure you reserve a spot to sell all those items you discovered during your spring cleaning. For a low fee of \$15.00, you reserve a spot at the busiest garage sale you have ever held. You keep all of your profits. Your kids will have fun with some activities and you can get a great sun tan.

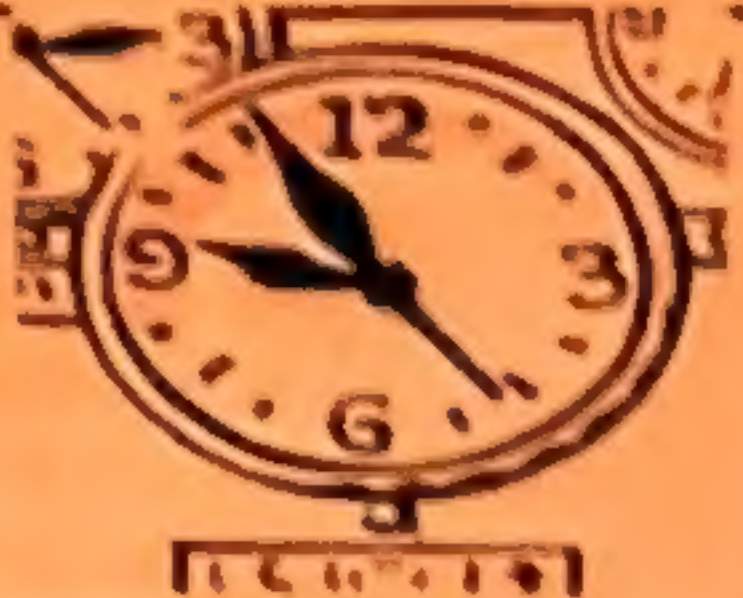
Please join us at our next meeting and be a part of this great team.



## DRESS CODE REMINDERS...

With the spring time weather upon us, it's time for a few quick reminders from the parent/student handbook regarding the dress code. The following items are not allowed at school.

- Open toed or open heeled sandals or thongs are not allowed as they can result in serious foot injury (the toes must be covered by the make of the shoe along with a strap securing the shoe on the back of the foot).
- Short shorts, spaghetti straps (straps must be a minimum of 1" wide or another shirt worn underneath), crop tops, extremely baggy pants...are not allowed and are inappropriate school attire as they become distractions in the classroom.



Don't forget to move your clocks forward Saturday night, 4/7.

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks and make somebody's day.

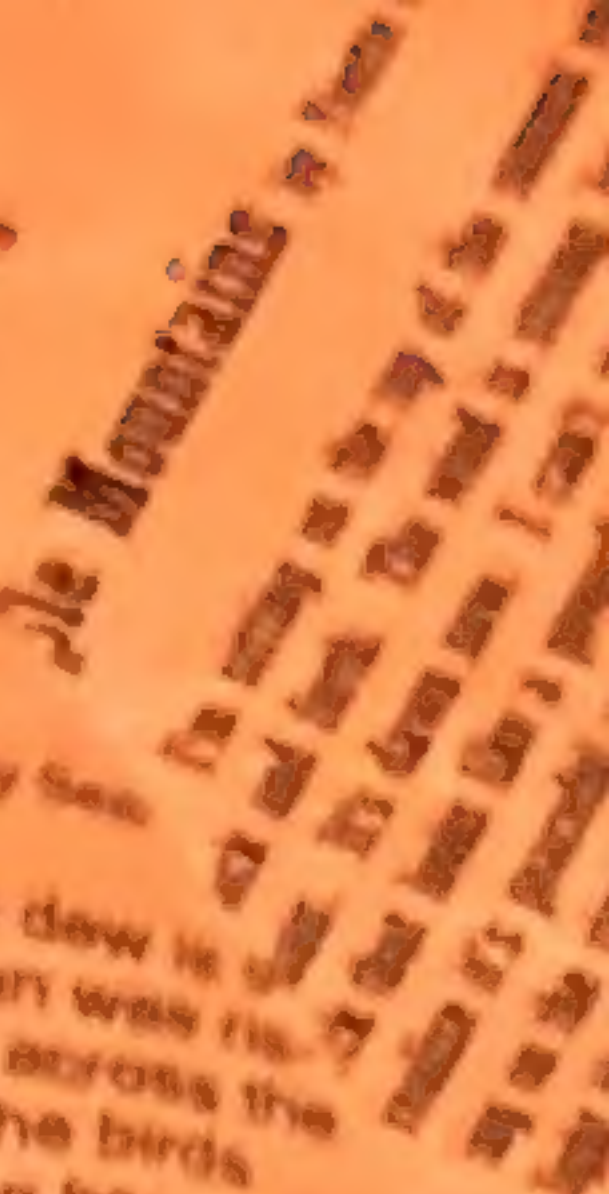


Please call in to clear absences when your child has been out of school.



## Purple Mountains Majesty –

Creative Writings and artwork by Mrs. Reed's 5th grade class



## Sunsets by Louie Ramirez

As I sit on the mountain gazing at the water with the mountain's reflection, I try to see the dark purple shadow on the ground. As I look at the birds listening to them chirping, I see the animals watching them run along the water. I watch trees grow and animals play, run and drink the water.

As I look at the wild animals go on the mountain, I realize that the mountain is turning purple. The sky is bigger than the mountains and every thing else except for God. At the corner of my eye I saw another mountain that was orange with a little bit of yellow. I was excited the sun was coming up and the mountain's shadow was turning purple.

I was sad the day was almost night but I'm glad that I get to go to sleep. At least tomorrow I get to see the purple mountain sunset again. I know that I have to go to sleep but I promise I will come back. I will come back and look if there is a new animal or new tree. I am glad that we get to go outside and see nature.

## The Majestic Mountains

The bright majestic morning, the dew is still  
moist, the sun slowly rises. When the sun was ris-  
ing, the beautiful vibrant colors smeared across the  
sky. While sitting on the roof, watching the birds  
snack on mosquitoes and dragonflies, the bears  
were eating berries.

The dark misty mountain shadows, racing down the valleys and cabins below. The orange, yellow, pink and blue rainbow was vanishing at the same time the dew was disappearing. When the sun reflected off the dark rushing river it looked like tiny pieces of gold rushing down the river.

It is time to head into the house, the sun has set quickly, displaying an assortment of blended colors. Soon it will be bedtime and the next day will soon begin, with a brightly regenerated sun.



Awesome  
Work  
By  
Talented  
Children



## Simple Mountains by Yvette Castaneda

I'm sitting on the top of the summit while the wind strikes my back and forth. The wind is strong, but not as strong and wild as I said. It's dawn now. I can't see any animals yet. I see a gigantic rock that looks like a powerful king just sitting on his purple throne. I realize it's peaceful with the reflection of the sky on the pale water floating on the ripples. The sky is paler than the color of the sand. I see light blue, pink, purple, yellow, orange and red in the sky. Isn't nature beautiful?

Mountains, I love mountains. I love the colors of them. It brings me great joy and love, even happiness. They're so bumpy, rocky and full of trees. Full of animals, even full of mother nature. I love mountains, especially at dawn.

The sky's colors are now fading away in the deep white clouds. But, I still lay here looking at the fading colors in the sky. I turn around and I see the warmest king of all still sitting on his purple throne peacefully humming a tragic song as if he's sad the colors are fading away into heaven above. Well, I sit here all alone in the poorest color, light blue. But, I still remember the delightful colors that passed by to heaven like a flower that just sprouted up.



## Snowball Day by Brent Bowen (Mrs. Bernardini's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class)

I thought it was very cold this winter. I caught a cold, so my mom bought me a new coat. I wore my new coat and went outside. I made a snowball. My Dad and Mom taught me how to make a snowman. I gave my mom a snowball. It was very small. I cried when the snow melted.

## Into the Land of Unicorns (a book review) by Sarah Mummey (Ms. Hodges' 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class)

The story is about a girl and her grandma Morris being pursued by some guy. He is trying to capture the amulet from them. Then the girl falls into Luster. Then this monster pushes her down and she gets stabbed in the back because a rock in the stream had a big spike on it.

The main characters in the story were the girl named Cara, a unicorn named Lightfoot, the Dimblethum, the Squijum and the Unicorn Queen. I enjoyed the book because I really liked the unicorn. I also thought it was a good book. My favorite part was when they got to the Unicorn Queen and when Cara there that the queen sent her on another journey through Luster.

## Beware the Dragon (a book review) by Ryan Giffin (Ms. Hodges' 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class)

This story is about dragons and people. The main characters are the dragons and the girl. I liked this story because when the girl was surfing on the dragon's tail, it looked funny. My favorite part is when the dragon was sleeping and the girl said "hello!!!" really loud. The dragon accidentally blew fire at her face. It's funny because if a dragon did that to you, it would be pretty funny when you go home.





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*Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.*

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Hills Home Page.  
[www.morongo.k12.ca.  
us/schools/morfhe](http://www.morongo.k12.ca.us/schools/morfhe)**

## Our Story

*Friendly Hills Elementary was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since it's inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 2500 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated in the year 2000. We are confident that that class, and all who will follow, leave this school with a strong well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.*

## SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a

*Each year new parent  
members come onto our*

*School Based*

*Management Council*

*If you would like the  
chance to be a part of*

*this group, please  
contact Mr. Blanding.*

decision making body  
within the school.

This committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff.

During this past month's meeting, the committee took a preliminary look at next year's budget.

The group was updated on the approval of eighth grade.

The committee approved a plan to expend the remaining Title 1 dollars as follows to support the new technology that will soon arrive in our computer lab. This includes several programs to help low achieving students to keep pace with their peers.

In the coming months the group will be reviewing the results of the upcoming parent survey and putting together a new plan for next year.

It's time for new members, come get involved.



# Friendly Hills Elementary Science Fair, 2002

## K-3 Collections

Jessie McCorkle (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Gabriel Buss (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Jaclyn Cuyno (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Sierra Zacks (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Marc Salomon (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Laura Flippen (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Elise Kelley (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Winter Howard (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Nicholas Cushman (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

## Gr. K-3 Demonstrations

Frederick Compton (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Marc Salomon (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Grace Bogner (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Kael Dull (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Erik Peters (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
David McCorkle (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Erik Mc Clay (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

## Gr. K-3 Experiments

Melissa Phelps (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Andy Hesse (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Timmy Hesse (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
James Reed (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Sarah Fleischman (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Cathy Cousino (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

Mrs. Candelaria and  
Mrs. Seacat Class Project  
(Honorable Mention)

## Gr. 4-6 Inventions

Conner Valentine and  
James Cooper (1<sup>st</sup> Place)  
Quinton Cressy (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)

## Gr. 4-6 Experiments

Nick Aguilar (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Shelby Blair (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Ashley Candelaria (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Jessica Friddle (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Shanteal Gafney (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Ashley Malone (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Sean Martel (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Trevor Morrow (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Arianna Rodriguez (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Travis Rodriguez (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Ryan Rogers (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

Sierra Bernardini-Smith (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Ashley Bilbrey and  
Jessica Floyd (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Lauryn Compton (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Kelsey Frasher (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Jessica Frasher and  
Dakota Westlake (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Peter Gorwin (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Justin Howell (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Shayla Mills (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Sarah Reed (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Marissa Salomon (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Jessica Vaught (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)

## First Place Experiments Grades 4-6

"A Simple Electric Generator"  
by Logan Aguilar

"Musical Math" by  
Katie Chambless (6<sup>th</sup> grade)

"Gravity Experiment" by  
David Cuyno (4<sup>th</sup> grade)

"Firewood Frenzy" by  
Ryan Fleischman (5<sup>th</sup> grade)

"Hey, Sugar" by  
Devin Gomez (6<sup>th</sup> grade)

"Which Soil Grows a Better  
Carrot?" by Marialena  
Martinez (5<sup>th</sup> grade)

"Photosynthesis" by  
Max Mellette (6<sup>th</sup> grade)

"From Landfills to Life" by  
Mat Patten (6<sup>th</sup> grade)

"Density" by  
Megan Payton (5<sup>th</sup> grade)

"Does Music Beat Effect  
Blood Pressure?" by  
Shane Smith (6<sup>th</sup> grade)








# March Awards

2002

| Teacher's Name   | Student of the Month                      | Citizenship Award                        | Outstanding Effort                       | Writing Award                             |
|------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Mrs. Bernardini  | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Keelan McClure    | ✓ 3★<br>✓ Savannah King                  | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Tyler Waring     | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Chelsea Gordon    |
| Mr. Bogner       | ✓ <del>K-STAR</del><br>✓ Dakota Westlake  | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Candace Goebel   | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Sarah Faragalla  | ✓ <del>K-STAR</del><br>✓ Kourtney Chinen  |
| Mrs. Candelaria  | ✓ <del>K-STAR</del><br>✓ Jasmine Moore    | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Maxwell Tree     | ✓ <del>K-STAR</del><br>✓ Christian Kahrs | ✓ <del>K-STAR</del><br>✓ Isaiah Thomas    |
| Mr. Chambless    | ✓ 2★<br>✓ Pruet Propakonpipat             | ✓ 1★<br>✓ Courtney Yakutis               | ✓ 1★<br>✓ Peyton Orten                   | ✓ 2★<br>✓ Sierra Butler                   |
| Mrs. Dempsey     | ✓ 5★<br>✓ Marissa Salomon                 | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Kristen DeWitt   | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Nick Aquilar     | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Monica Tree       |
| Mrs. Friedman    | ✓ 5★<br>✓ Ashley Johnson                  | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Christy Bignorio | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Ryan Rogers      | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Sierra Smith      |
| Mr. & Mrs. Hesse | ✓ 2★<br>✓ Gage Brenneman                  | ✓ 2★<br>✓ Robert Perrance                | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Kalia Brown      | ✓ 2★<br>✓ Allie Cressy                    |
| Ms. Hodges       | ✓ 4★<br>✓ Ryan Giffin                     | ✓ 4★<br>✓ Brittany Hocker                | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Melisa Phelps    | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Sarah Mummy       |
| Mrs. Ladner      | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Melissa Cosner    | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Adam Wysocki     | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Sean Dittmer     | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Tyler Jones       |
| Mrs. Mann        | ✓ 4★ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Lacy Blackburn | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Cody Sniffin     | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Sturais Ash      | ✓ 4★<br>✓ Sarah Clark                     |
| Mrs. Mitz        | ✓ 2★<br>✓ Carly Fauls                     | ✓ 2★<br>✓ Nicholas VanZandt              | ✓ 2★<br>✓ Amber Cosner                   | ✓ 2★<br>✓ Marissa Garcia                  |
| Mr. Reed         | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Mat Patten        | ✓ 7★<br>✓ Kyle Fleischmann               | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Tom Morrow       | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Alicia Gorwin     |
| Mrs. Reed        | ✓ 6★<br>✓ Dustin Webb                     | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Ben Benstead     | ✓ 6★<br>✓ Louie Ramirez                  | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Sean Elder        |
| Mrs. Seacat      | ✓ 1★<br>✓ Cheyenne Bird                   | ✓ 1★<br>✓ Kirsten Romero                 | ✓ 1★<br>✓ Nikki Moore                    | ✓ 1★<br>✓ Elise Kelley                    |
| Mrs. Strader     | ✓ 2★<br>✓ Chris Hulse                     | ✓ 7★<br>✓ Larissa Johnson                | ✓ 7★<br>✓ Gabba Evaro                    | ✓ 7★<br>✓ Cody King                       |
| Ms. Subriar      | ✓ 3★<br>✓ Dylon Cleary                    | ✓ 3★<br>✓ Marc Salomon                   | ✓ 3★<br>✓ Amanda Cosner                  | ✓ 3★<br>✓ Shannon Patton                  |
| Mrs. Tilson      | ✓ 4★<br>✓ Velvet Brown                    | ✓ 4★<br>✓ Brent Heller                   | ✓ 4★<br>✓ Brittney Candelaria            | ✓ 4★<br>✓ Nathan Cotney                   |
| Ms. Williams     | ✓ 7★<br>✓ Chris Schorer                   | ✓ 3★<br>✓ Adrian Garcia                  | ✓ 7★<br>✓ Allen Flug                     | ✓ <del>moved</del><br>✓ Gabriel Robertson |
| Mrs. Winchell    | ✓ 3★<br>✓ Kelsey Hulse                    | ✓ 3★<br>✓ Steven Shoemaker               | ✓ 3★<br>✓ Brandon McEachern              | ✓ 3★<br>✓ Isabel Ramos                    |



# April, 2002

| Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  |
|--|---|---|---|--|
|  <p><b>DAY OFF!</b><br/>HOLIDAY</p> <p>1</p> | <p>2</p> <p>BOE @ 7:00 pm</p>   | <p>3</p> <p>6th grade Orientation @<br/>LCMS 10:00 am</p>   | <p>4</p> <p>CLASS PHOTO DAY</p> <p>SBMC (Lib) @ 3:45</p>                                      | <p>End of Third Quarter</p>  |
| <p>7</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time<br/>(Spring Forward)</p>  | <p>8</p> <p>6th grade to Science Camp</p> <p>Admin Council @ 2pm</p>  | <p>10</p> <p>2nd grade trip to Palapas,<br/>Palm Springs 9am-3pm</p> <p>Grade Level Meetings<br/>(5th) @ 12:10 (6th) @ 3:45</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Grade Level Meetings<br/>(2nd) @ 1:10</p>  | <p>12</p> <p>Grade Level Meetings<br/>(4th) @ 8:30<br/>Disaster Drill @ 10:15</p> <p>SPORTS RECESS</p> |
| <p>14</p> <p>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY<br/>(No School for Students)</p>  | <p>15</p> <p>Report Cards Go Home<br/>FHEA T-Shirt Sale<br/>Staff Mtg (Lib) @ 3:50<br/>BOE / FHEA @ 7 pm</p> <p>BOE JOIN US</p> | <p>16</p> <p>2nd grade trip to Palapas,<br/>Palm Springs 9am-3pm</p> <p>Grade Level Meetings<br/>(5th) @ 12:10 (6th) @ 3:45</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Grade Level Meetings<br/>(2nd) @ 1:10</p>  | <p>19</p> <p>Grade Level Meetings<br/>(4th) @ 8:30<br/>Disaster Drill @ 10:15</p> <p>SPORTS RECESS</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>EARTH DAY</p> <p>Admin Council @ 2pm</p>  | <p>22</p> <p>Admin Council @ 2pm</p>  | <p>23</p> <p>SAT-9 Testing Begins<br/>(Get lots of rest, good food<br/>and do your best!)</p>                                   | <p>25</p> <p>SAT-9 Testing Begins<br/>(Get lots of rest, good food<br/>and do your best!)</p> | <p>26</p> <p>SAT-9 Testing Begins<br/>(Get lots of rest, good food<br/>and do your best!)</p>          |
| <p>28</p> <p>SAT-9 Testing<br/>Continues</p>   | <p>29</p> <p>Quarterly Awards Assem<br/>K, 3-4 @ 9:40 5-6 @ 10:15<br/>K-2 @ 2:45</p>  | <p>30</p> <p>Quarterly Awards Assem<br/>K, 3-4 @ 9:40 5-6 @ 10:15<br/>K-2 @ 2:45</p>  | <p>31</p> <p>Grade Level Meetings<br/>(2nd) @ 1:10</p>  | <p>32</p> <p>Grade Level Meetings<br/>(4th) @ 8:30<br/>Disaster Drill @ 10:15</p> <p>SPORTS RECESS</p> |



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